

receiving a range of dates, a list of potential attendees, and an originating location for each of the attendees;

calculating a cost for hosting the meeting at each of a plurality of potential meeting facilities based on the specified range of dates and information associated with the specified list of potential attendees; and

ranking the plurality of potential meeting facilities based at least in part on the calculated cost for each of the plurality of potential meeting facilities,

wherein the plurality of potential meeting facilities are selected from a set of potential meeting facilities based on at least one of a preference and a geographic location.

Claim 22. (new) A computer system comprising:

a processor;

a network connection; and

a memory,

the memory including instructions that when executed by the processor perform selection of a facility for hosting a meeting by (1) receiving a range of dates, a list of potential attendees, and an originating location for each of the attendees, (2) calculating a cost for hosting the meeting at each of a plurality of potential meeting facilities based on the specified range of dates and information associated with the specified list of potential attendees, and (3) ranking the plurality of potential meeting facilities based at least in part on the calculated cost for each of the plurality of potential meeting facilities,

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wherein the plurality of potential meeting facilities are selected from a set of potential meeting facilities based on at least one of a preference and a geographic location.

Claim 23. (new) A method of evaluating a plurality of potential meeting facilities, the method comprising:

defining minimum requirements for a select meeting facility;

transmitting the minimum requirements to an application server; and

receiving a ranked list of meeting facilities, each facility being ranked based on all-inclusive cost-calculation corresponding to an estimated total cost of holding the meeting at the meeting facility,

wherein the meeting facilities included in the ranked list are selected from a set of potential meeting facilities based on at least one of a preference and a geographic location.

Claim 24. (new) A computer readable medium containing instructions that when executed by a processor causes the processor to perform selection of a facility for hosting a meeting by:

receiving a range of dates, a list of potential attendees, and an originating location for each of the attendees;

calculating a cost for hosting the meeting at each of a plurality of potential meeting facilities based on the specified range of dates and information associated with the specified list of potential attendees; and

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ranking the plurality of potential meeting facilities based at least in part on the calculated cost for each of the plurality of potential meeting facilities,

wherein the plurality of potential meeting facilities are selected from a set of potential meeting facilities based on at least one of a preference and a geographic location.

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Claim 25. (new) A computer readable medium containing instructions that when executed by a processor causes the processor to evaluate a plurality of potential meeting facilities by:

defining minimum requirements for a select meeting facility;

transmitting the minimum requirements to an application server; and

receiving a ranked list of meeting facilities, each facility being ranked based on all-inclusive cost-calculation corresponding to an estimated total cost of holding the meeting at the meeting facility,

wherein the meeting facilities included in the ranked list are selected from a set of potential meeting facilities based on at least one of a preference and a geographic location.

Claim 26 (new) A computer system comprising:

a processor;

a network connection; and

a memory, the memory including instructions that when executed by the processor evaluate a plurality of potential meeting facilities by:

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